

Forest Land-Gadchiroli

Diversion of 1.5256 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW of Purada to Korchi, Marartola to Yerkadi, Tekameta to Kotgul, Shirpur to Arotondi, Usegaon to Shivrajpur Chek, Chicholi to Belgaon, Khamtala to Malewada in Armori, Wadsa, Kurkheda, Korchi, Dhanora Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-36A23/CR.277/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 15.09.2023**

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur
Letter No. Desk-17/ FCA-S1 /PID-435047/Gadchiroli/1506, dt. 17.8.2023.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion 1.5256 ha. Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW of Purada to Korchi, Marartola to Yerkadi, Tekameta to Kotgul, Shirpur to Arotondi, Usegaon to Shivrajpur Chek, Chicholi to Belgaon, Khamtala to Malewada in Armori, Wadsa, Kurkheda, Korchi, Dhanora Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant '**In-Principle**' approval to the diversion of 1.5256 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable along the road in RoW of Purada to Korchi, Marartola to Yerkadi, Tekameta to Kotgul, Shirpur to Arotondi, Usegaon to Shivrajpur Chek, Chicholi to Belgaon, Khamtala to Malewada in Armori, Wadsa, Kurkheda, Korchi, Dhanora Tehsil of District Gadchiroli in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of Village	Forest Land						
		Comptt. No	Survey No.	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (Sq.m)	Area (Ha.)	Legal Status
1	Purada	1040	-	1351.55	0.45	608.1975	0.0608	PF
		1041	-	307.08	0.45	138.186	0.0138	PF
		221	-	568.68	0.45	255.906	0.0256	RF
2	Wagdara (Gowar Hudki)	241	104	982.33	0.45	442.0485	0.0442	PF

3	Dongargaon	1060	16, 6	692.90	0.45	311.805	0.0312	PF
		240	76,75, 79,	1170.09	0.45	526.5405	0.0526	RF
		239	65	1495.08	0.45	672.786	0.0673	RF
4	Block Forest	451,459, 457	-	6543.63	0.45	2944.634	0.2945	RF
5	Zankargondi	484, 485, 1322	19, 20,49,18	2930.30	0.45	1318.635	0.1319	RF
6	Bedgaon	1323	174	576.64	0.45	259.488	0.0259	RF
7	Kosmi	1324	75, 77, 74	194.53	0.45	87.5385	0.0088	PF
8	Mohagaon	1325	116	50.97	0.45	22.9365	0.0023	RF
9	Yerkadi	1053	30,117, 121	1145.71	0.45	515.5695	0.0516	PF
10	Block Forest	377, 407	-	2599.34	0.45	1169.703	0.1170	RF
11	Pitesur	378	142	646.67	0.45	291.0015	0.0291	RF
12	Sonpur	1298	1, 51	727.00	0.45	327.15	0.0327	PF
13	Kotgul	1280	271	701	0.45	315.45	0.0315	RF
14	Shirpur	817	101	98.72	0.45	44.424	0.0044	RF
15	Block forest	79	-	168	0.45	75.6	0.0076	RF
16	Deulgaon	923	26, 15, 20	420.27	0.45	189.1215	0.0189	PF
17	Kharmaltola	923	140,138,139, 122,145	1412.51	0.45	635.6295	0.0636	PF
18	Aratondi	926	164,98,97,96, 95,65,48,47, 46	1954.64	0.45	879.588	0.0880	PF
19	Usegaon	836	202	1007.96	0.45	453.582	0.0454	RF
20	Shivrajpur chak	93	111, 150	1398.9	0.45	629.5055	0.0629	RF
21		855	12	87.48	0.45	39.366	0.0039	PF
22	Kondhala	812	969, 962	342.40	0.45	154.08	0.0154	RF
23	Maushi Khamb	639	299, 305	507.47	0.45	228.3615	0.0228	PF
24	Belgaon	644, 646	48, 27	1443.16	0.45	649.422	0.0649	PF
25	Khamtala	1243, 353	31, 22	250.74	0.45	112.833	0.0113	RF
26			13, 247	236.68	0.45	106.506	0.0107	PF
27	Sindewahi	352, 1241	48,53,61, 73,58	1744.04	0.45	784.818	0.0785	PF
28	Malewada	1225, 1223	323, 26	144.78	0.45	65.151	0.0065	PF
Total				33901.3		15255.6	1.5256	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-

- 1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) Deputy Conservator of Forests has certified that proposed forest area is part of Tiger Corridor; therefore, User Agency shall obtain Wildlife Clearance prior to commencement of work.
- 3) User Agency shall submit the Record of Rights of proposed land at Purada, Comp. No. 221, 1040 & 1041, Block Forest Comp. No. 79, 377, 407, 451, 457 & 459,

Village- Deulgaon, Survey No.15, Village- Aratondi, Survey No.46, 47, 95, 96 & 97, Village- Bedgaon, Survey No. 174, Village- Khamtala, Survey No.22 and Village- Sindewahi, Survey No.73, along with Stage-I compliance.

- 4) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure legal status of proposed Forest land, before granting working permission.
- 5) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Gadchiroli District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
- 6) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.45 meter width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
- 7) If bank guarantee is not submitted with concern Road Authority (NHAI/ MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
- 8) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
- 9) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
- 10) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- 11) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
- 12) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- 13) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
- 14) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 15) Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.
- 16) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
- 17) The Proposed work shall be carried out only during day time.

- 18) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.
 - 19) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.
 - 20) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
 - 21) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
 - 22) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
 - 23) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
 - 24) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
 - 25) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
 - 26) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202309151702204619. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi
2. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
3. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.
4. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur
5. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), M.S., Nagpur
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), M.S., Nagpur
7. Collector, Gadchiroli.
8. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Gadchiroli.
9. Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Gadchiroli.
10. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Gadchiroli.
11. The Asst. General Manager (Tx/NoFN), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Gadchiroli.
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